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SUBJECT: JULY 14 PROVINCIAL/MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

1. ELECTIONS FOR PROVINCIAL/MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SEATS WERE HELD SUCCESSFULLY JULY 14 DESPITE EXTENSIVE COMMUNIST ATTEMPTS TO DISRUPT THEM. THE INCIDENT RATE WAS THE HIGHEST SINCE DECEMBER 1973 (276 REPORTED SO FAR) WITH 109 DEATHS REPORTED, 348 WOUNDED, AND AN INDETERMINATE NUMBER MISSING. DESPITE THIS COMMUNIST HIGH POINT, 79.8 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS TURNED OUT (5,732,000) TO ELECT 478 COUNCILMEN. THIS WAS UP FROM A FIGURE OF 72.5PERCENT IN 1970. IN SAIGON, AS EXPECTED, THE TURNOUT WAS LOWER (52.3PERCENT). THESE ARE PRELIMINARY FIGURES BUT NO SIGNIFICENT ALTERATIONS ARE EXPECTED.

2. SOME OF THE INCREASE IN MILITARY ACTIVITY CAN PROBABLY BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE MID-MONTH HIGH POINT WHICH HAS BECOME THE NORM IN CERTAIN AREAS. HOWEVER, ALL REGIONS REPORT ASSAULTS
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OBVIOUSLY DIRECTED AGAINST POLLING PLACES, ETC. AS FAR AS WE

KNOW, NONE OF THESE TERRORIST EFFORTS SUCCESSFULLY INTERRUPTED
POLLING.

3. DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED AS OBTAINED.
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